

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-03-06

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
August 15, 2006

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
August 17, 2006

Expiration Date: June 30, 2007
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska fall hunting season by registration permit RC860 for caribou in Unit 20E, except that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage and all drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile River and Yukon River. Other Units included in registration permit hunt RC860 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(15)		
...		
Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, all drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile River and Yukon River		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, the remainder of Unit 20(E) and the remainder of Unit 25(C)	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Feb. 28	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20
Remainder of Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		

Units and Bag Limits

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, all drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile River and Yukon River, and the remainder of Unit 25(C)

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Aug. 17
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

**Nonresident
Open Season****NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Aug. 17

...

All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.


JUSTIFICATION:

In March 2006, the Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2006–2012. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The fall harvest quota is further subdivided into areas within registration hunt RC860, each with its own quota. During fall 2006, the quota for the portion of RC860 in Unit 20E, in the Taylor Highway Area, is 290 caribou, of which 70 can be cows. Several thousand Fortymile caribou were in

the accessible portion of Unit 20E during the first 6 days of the fall season resulting in a high harvest. We expect the harvest quota for this portion of the hunt area will be reached by the date and time of closure. No further fall harvest is warranted in this portion of Unit 20E.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


Jeffrey A. Gross
Area Biologist